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Parran-Gray House

Prince Frederick

Private

3rd quarter, 19th c.

In recent years this sturdy, one and a half story log house was moved from a nearby farm to its present site. It had served as a tenant house. It had one room downstairs, and another upstairs, a typical plan for tenant houses except that it was sheltered along the facade by a shed porch. The logs were sheathed by board and batten siding so that in appearance the house resembled a frame dwelling.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE PARRAN - GRAY HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

On Gray's Inn Court
North side of Hallowing Point Rd., 200 yards east of its
Jct, with Rt. 4.

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

Storage House

NAME

Judge John B. Gray

Telephone #: 301 535-0853

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Map PF-2, P. 395

Liber #: AAH 34

Folio #: 406

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE C.
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1935</u> 1945

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This sturdy, small log house was originally located about 1/2 - 1 mile N.W. of its present site on Judge John Gray's father's farm. It stood there alone, according to Mrs. John Gray, and was not part of a slave/tenant community. C. 30 or 40 years ago it was moved to its present site, about 75 yards behind Judge Gray's house, to be used as a play house for his children.

The house faces S.E. It has 1 and a half stories and measures 18'1" x 16'2". Its facade, which is sheltered by a deteriorating shed porch, consists of 2 bays: a door in the center and a 2 x 2 double hung sash window. Unlike many one room log houses, this one has a back door and a large window in the N.E. gable end in addition to the one in the facade. A brick chimney with a large base of large stones (built after the move, possibly from stones originally used) ascends the S.W. gable end.

In plan the interior is comprised of 1 room downstairs and one room (unheated) upstairs. A narrow enclosed staircase, probably a replacement, ascends the N.E. corner.

The roof was covered with wood shingles. The joists are 2" x 6" circular saw cut timbers. The logs are half dovetailed and sheathed with board and batten.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
Black History					

SPECIFIC DATES 1865 - 1875 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

No written, oral, or structural evidence was available to date this structure accurately or to categorize its original use. According to the Grays, it was considered to be an old house in the early 1900's and was said to have been a slave house. According to them, only black families had lived in it. Benjamin Parran, an elderly black man now ^{deceased,} ~~living in a nursing home in Prince Frederick~~, lived in this house as a tenant farmer in the first quarter of the 20th century. ~~He was not available for an interview when this investigation was made.~~

The board and batten, which does appear to be the original type of siding, would date this house as post-1840 and probably no earlier than the 1850's. The presence of large double hung sash windows, which do also appear to be original, indicates that this house was not a slave house. It was probably built in the 3rd quarter of the 19th century, since it was considered to be an "old house" by the early 1900's.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

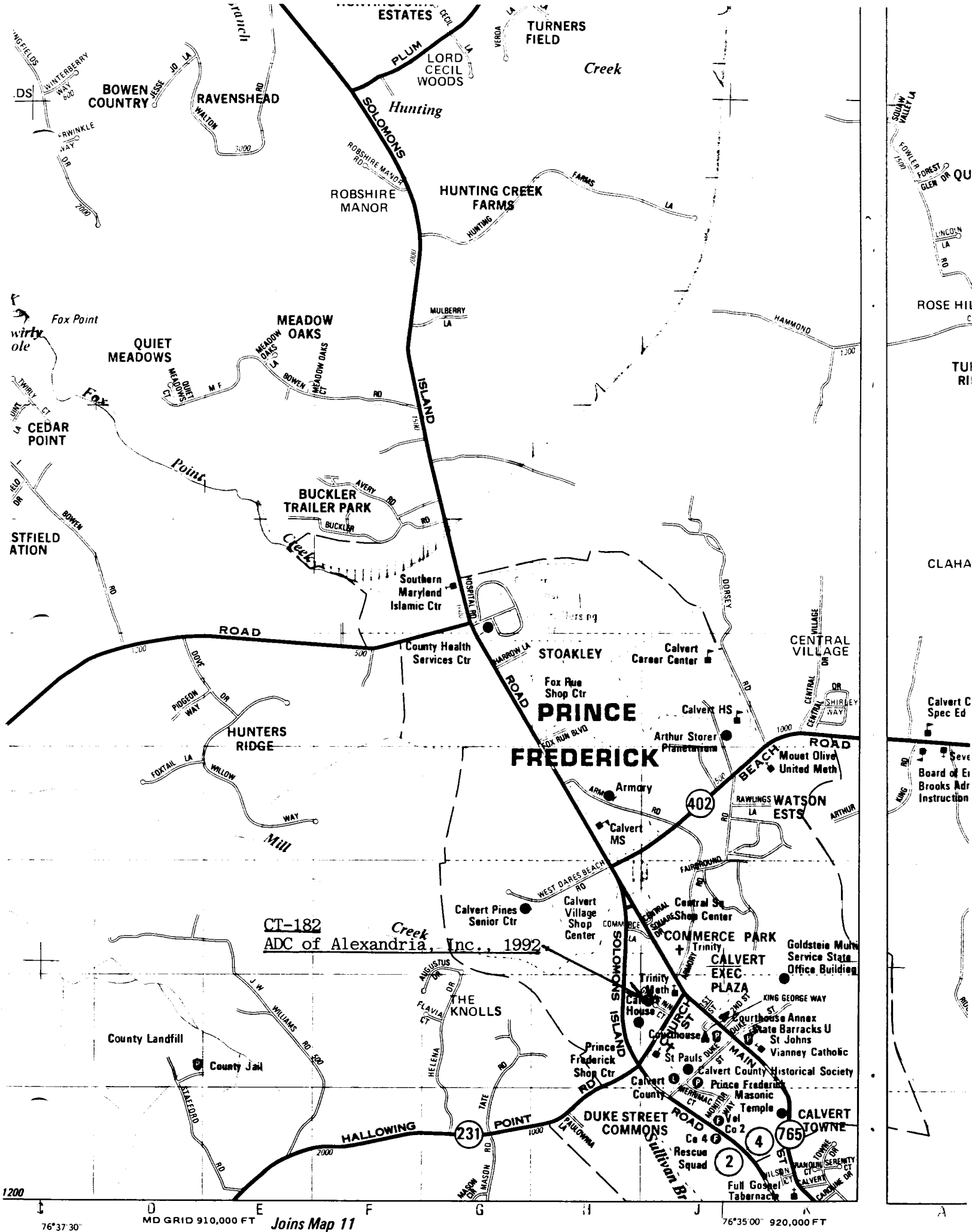
Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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